

BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

MIDDLETOWN. Changes in Plans For New Gymnasium—Bids Were To High.

Plans are being refigured for the addition to the gymnasium of Wesleyan University on Willis avenue. The bids which were received were in excess of the funds available and the plans were altered to reduce the cost.

House on Highland Avenue. Mylchreest Bros. have the contract and have started work on a new house on Highland avenue for Mrs. L. Hall.

Alterations to Church. Work has been started on the alterations to the chapel of the First Methodist Church on Church street.

Building Ready for Plastering. The new chapter house being erected at the corner of High and Church streets for the Beta Theta Pi Society at Wesleyan University is now ready for plastering.

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Contractors are figuring bids for the construction of two comfort stations at the Lake street playgrounds, one for boys and the other for girls.

Frame Raised. The frame for the new Park residence, in process of construction by the Peck-McWilliams company at Hanover, was raised on Wednesday.

Excavations Started. The work of excavating for the foundations for the new school building in connection with the convent of the Holy Family at Berlin, has been started by the Fenton-Charnley Co.

Bushnell Cottage Contract. The contract for the construction of the new eight room cottage house for Charles P. Bushnell on the Canterbury turnpike, was awarded this week to Contractor George Allen of this city.

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Foundations Underway. Foundations are being constructed for the new building of the Kosciuszko-Polanski society on North Main street.

Front Wall Nearly Done. The front wall of the three story William T. Ward building on Market street at the junction of Main, is practically finished.

New Bungalow. The new bungalow for William Plitcher and several others is now nearly completed.

Roofing Now Starting. This week the work of roofing in the new house on North Main street which is being built by C. H. Burton was started and will be soon completed.

BUILDING AND BUSINESS.

Decided Falling Off In Value of Contracts Awarded.

Real estate transactions for the week in the towns reported by The Commercial Record numbered 150, with mortgage sales for \$34,067, against 318 sales and mortgage loans of \$1,086,619 for the corresponding week of 1912.

Building permits have been issued in the cities of New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport, Waterbury and Stamford for a total of \$28,708, for buildings costing \$229,530.

Important contracts awarded during the week include a three story schoolhouse in Hamden, business block in Bridgeport, fire residences in Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury, New Britain and Stamford.

STATE INDUSTRIES.

Structures Which Connecticut Concerns Are Planning and Building.

The New Haven Gas Light company has awarded a \$250,000 contract for the construction of a coal gas manufacturing plant and will give up the manufacture of gas from petroleum.

The Waterbury Rolling Mills company is building a new coal shed of iron frame and cement walls at its Watertown road plant.

The recently incorporated Hartford Drop Forge company is to build a large plant in Torrington.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.

Gustav Schreiber has started the carpenter work for the new four-family house to be erected at 36-38 Birch street for William Rubnow.

Contractor Burtus Dunbar with a gang of men has started a new house for Clarence Gallup on Mallory hill.

Other industrial building about Connecticut includes a larger number of new projects in Torrington than in any other place.

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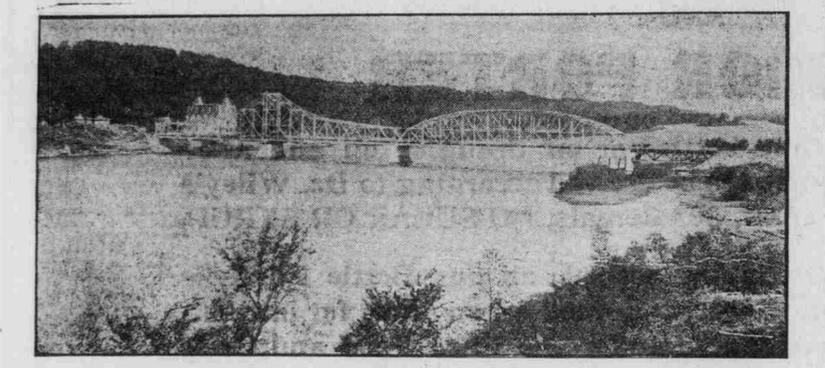
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New Drawbridge Over Connecticut River Between East Haddam and Haddam



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Celebration Over Its Opening Recalls Some of the Early History of That Section of the State.

This ancient town of East Haddam which has 242 years of settlement behind it, looked its holiday best Saturday for the dedication of its new \$225,000 highway bridge.

The line of parade was from the railroad station, across the bridge to the upper landing, countermarch, stop at Nathan Hale memorial park for brief exercises, then return to the plaza and break ranks.

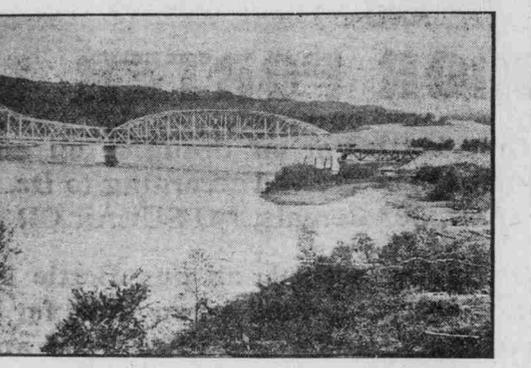
At 3 o'clock the speech making of the day began, from the veranda of River Side Inn. Seats were arranged there for guests and Rollin U. Tyler of Haddam was the presiding officer.

Senator Batesley, whose remarks were impromptu, assured the assemblage of the great pleasure which it afforded him to revisit the town of his birth and rejoice with its people in the realization of the wish which has been nearest and dearest their hearts for many years—a bridge across the Connecticut. Ex Governor Waller was heard in a delightful address.

The Haddams. The history of the Haddams has been closely identified with the earliest of the state, and no towns have a better record in the Revolution or the Civil War, than these two small towns now celebrating their release from bondage.

Buying the Land. In 1660, the Colonial Court appointed Matthew Ailyn and Samuel Willys a committee to buy the lands from the Indians. For some reason the lands were not bought until 1672, when for a consideration of thirty coats, worth at the most a bare \$100, four Indian kings, Sachusquatemo, Keawaytabah, Turramuggus, and Nabahsett, and two Indian queens, Annetemo-pampocassame and Goy-wishe, transferred to the Connecticut Colony of Hartford Colony as it was then known, all the lands from the "strait" just above Maromoc for six miles on either side of the river, down to the lower side of Pattaugick, now Chester Meadows.

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In 1668 advised Thirty-Mile Island to accept But as the matter remained unsettled an order was issued the following year that it should be thus divided, one half to Haddam and one half to Saybrook and Lyme. Over this division the inhabitants of Haddam were dissatisfied for years.

Troubles With the Indians. For years the Indians resided in town, many of the names still being indicative of their haunts. At first they were somewhat troublesome and for forty-five years from the time of settlement people carried arms to the places of public worship.

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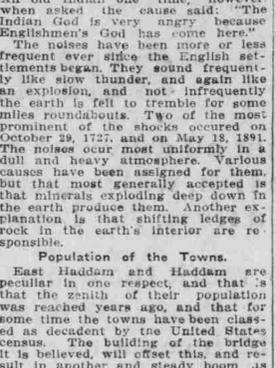
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